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For: INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM AND METHOD FOR  
MANUFACTURING INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Rewrite claims 14 and 15 as follows:


14. (Once Amended) The information storage medium according to claim 12 wherein, among the at least two layers comprising at least one metal element as the main component, the layer of the side nearest to the light incident side comprises Cr or Mo as the main component.

15. (Once Amended) The information storage medium according to claim 12 wherein the layer comprising at least one metal element as the main component and having a thickness of not less than 20 nm and not more than 200 nm contains 70 atomic % or more of Al or Ag.

REMARKS

Examination is requested.

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**MARKED UP VERSION OF REWRITTEN CLAIMS**

14. (Once Amended) The information storage medium according to claim 12 [or 13] wherein, among the at least two layers comprising at least one metal element as the main component, the layer of the side nearest to the light incident side comprises Cr or Mo as the main component.

15. (Once Amended) The information storage medium according to claim 12 [or 13] wherein the layer comprising at least one metal element as the main component and having a thickness of not less than 20 nm and not more than 200 nm contains 70 atomic % or more of Al or Ag.